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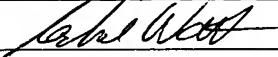


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6. Document entitled in handwriting as "Houben-Weyl: Methoden der org. Chemie 4. Auflage Band E 20 Teil 1, describes the HF plasma and apparatus for producing it (sections 1.1, 1.2). Microwave plasma is mentioned in a footnote but "not discussed in this chapter." In section 1.3 the chemistry of HF plasma reactions and the types of suitable starting materials is described. In sections 1.4 and 1.5 the plasma-polymerisation and surface modification using HF plasma is discussed, without mentioning any types of substrates. It is mentioned that "plasma treatment should be considered whenever surface properties of a polymer are to be modified without impairing its substrate properties."

7. Document IKV-Kolloquium Aachen 2000, describes in section 5 the plasma-assisted deposition of barrier layers in order to optimize the permeation properties of plastics. It mentions as a suitable substrate packaging foils, plastic bottles and plastic tubes. It describes apparatus and process parameters for producing such barrier layers. It also describes the gas permeation properties of some specific barrier layers. In the case of coated tubes the permeation by gasoline is discussed.

8. Website printout from the Institute of Polymer Research in Dresden, Germany.

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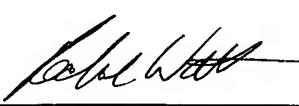
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